

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A composition for exposing antigenic epitopes of a microorganism, comprising a general enrichment media, a detergent, and at least one structure modifying organic chemical.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the structure modifying organic chemical is selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dinitrophenol and carbonyl cyanide-m-chlorophenyl hydrazone.

3. (Original) The composition of either claim 1 or 2, wherein the general enrichment media is selected from the group consisting of Terrific Broth, SOB medium, SOC medium, LB medium, NZCYM medium, minimal medium, lactose broth, buffered peptone water, Brain Heart Infusion medium, Haemophilus broth, tryptic soy broth, and nutrient broth.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 3, wherein the structure modifying organic chemical is 2,4-dinitrophenol.

5. – 26. (Canceled)

27. (Presently Amended) A method for propagating a microorganism such that cell wall antigen epitopes of the microorganism are altered, comprising contacting a test sample with a composition comprising general enrichment media, a detergent, and at least one structure modifying organic chemical and propagating the microorganism therein.

28. – 38. (Canceled)